

State Farm vs Adams Furniture 03 Oct 2022--- Jeff Duncan

What a glorious afternoon for softball at the Ranch. Temperature was a pleasant 83 degrees with light breezes and the game started slightly early at 5:25 after umpires Mark Mills, Danny Thomas and Mike Conley met the managers, Scott Wilson for State Farm and Stan Isbell for Adams at home plate. It was Robson Ranch Seniors night so all Robson residents got in for free and settled into the bleachers anticipating a great game between the first place teams both holding a 3-1 record. Randy Matthiessen stood ready at the PA with spouse Joani working the scoreboard and Marti Harnly keeping the books.

It's the top of the 1st and pitcher Bob Kuhfuss delivers the pitch to Adam's speedy Mike Slocum who puts a double in the books. Mick Calverly doubles Mike home and the Adams slugfest continues with hits by Jimmy Reese, Mike Braam, Stan Isbell, Bob Riley, sub Jackie Fox and Jerry Bennett gives Adams five runs. In the bottom of the 1st, pitcher Sharon Deputy and the Adams defense gets two quick outs. It's two out rally time and after hits by Steve Courtney and Jeff Rumberger, Mike Moss drives them in with a standup double. Hits by Kenny Kamrath and Mat Curtis gives State Farm three runs. It's 5 to 3 in favor of Adams.

The 2nd starts with solid hits by Randy Catron and Dave Popejoy but then the State Farm defense digs in to end the threat. Adams takes the field and promptly return the favor to hold State Farm scoreless.

3rd Inning begins with Adams bats on fire. Mike S singles and then scores from first as Mick C gets a solid single. Jimmy R doubles and then the commissioner Mike Braam knocks in two with a triple. Stan Isbell follows with another triple and a Dave Riddle sacrifice fly brings in run number 5. State Farm has some hot bats also as George Keller and sub Sean Curry stroke singles. Top of the order and Scooter W singles to load the bases. Carol Rumberger drives in a run and Steve Courtney belts a 2 rbi single. Mike Moss has a triple and Kenny K drives in the fifth run. We have a game as its 10 to 8 at the end of three.

Pitcher Sean Curry takes the mound for State Farm to face Adams. Bob Riley's keen eyes draws a walk and Jackie Fox triples him home. Jerry B brings Jackie home but the State Farm defense digs in to hold Adams to two runs. Singles by Mat C and Mike Hudson put runners on for State Farm but a nifty double play and a ground out ends the rally. Score is 12 to 8 after 4 in favor of Adams.

In the top of the fifth, Adams Sharon Deputy draws a walk. Mike S drives a deep fly ball to the left field fence but outfielder George Keller makes a great catch for the out. Singles by Mick C and Jimmy R loads the bases. Mike B delivers a triple for three runs and Stan I grounds out but crazy legs Braam crosses the plate. A scary moment ensues as pitcher Sean Curry takes a sharply hit line drive to the top of his head. Sean is okay and walks off under his own power. Bob Kuhfuss comes back to pitch as the game resumes and Bob Riley drives in the fifth run. State Farm faces new pitcher Mick C and the Adams defense gets two quick outs. Carole Rumberger says it's two out rally time again and singles followed by a single from Steve C. Hubby Jeff Rumberger drives Carol in and may have scored some brownie points with his wife! Mike Moss hammers another 2 rbi triple and Mat C brings him home. A strikeout ends the inning and its Adams up 17-12 after 5.

The game is moving quickly and Adams comes to bat. Jackie F draws a walk, Jerry B singles and Randy C walks to load the bases. David P brings in a run with a fielders choice. Bill Maynard singles to again load the bases. Hits by Sharon D, Mike S and Mick C account for five runs. In the bottom of the 6th, State Farm has two outs against them but singles by Bob K and a walk by George K brings Scooter W up and he delivers a single to load the bases. Could it be another two out rally? Carole R drives in a run but a ground out ends the threat. Adams leads State Farm 22 to 13 as we head to the buffet inning. With the flip flop in play, State Farm stays at the plate. Singles by Jeff R and Mike M puts two on for Mat Curtis. He hits a towering blast to left center which leaves the ballpark for three runs, what an exciting moment for the cheering fans. Adams defense digs in and

the game ends with Adams defeating State Farm 22-16. The weather forecast looks great for the week so come out to cheer for your friends and neighbors at the ballpark.